The Irondale Historical

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Welcome to this edition of the Irondale Historical Society's newsletter; where you will find snippets of history, "Mystery" photos, exciting finds and FAQs (frequently asked questions). We trust you will continue to enjoy.

Irondale Historical Society incorporates!

Through affiliation with the Ontario Historical Society, the Irondale Historical Society will be incorporated as a not for profit organization by the end of 2010. This is exciting news. We will have an annual membership (see pg 2) and a board of directors working diligently to help you preserve the history of Irondale.

The purpose of this Society shall be to bring together those people interested in the diverse heritage of the history of settlement in the Irondale area of Haliburton County, to research, retain, preserve and present historical data pertaining to the area. This Society will be a non-profit organization and an affiliated member of good standing with the Ontario Historical Society. More specifically, the aims and objectives shall be:

a) to promote public interest in the history of the Irondale area;
b) to undertake and promote the study of any phase of historical research within the Irondale area;
c) to advance education by improving the public's understanding and awareness of the cultural history of Irondale by hosting events, displays, exhibitions and performances and producing educational material;
d) to advocate and participate in activities to encourage the preservation of historical, natural, archaeological and architectural heritage resources in the Irondale area;
e) to publish and reprint material related to Irondale history as may from time to time be decided upon by the members and to arrange distribution of the same;
f) to compile & publish research on subjects relating to the history of the Irondale area;
g) to document historical resources in the Irondale area;
h) to work in conjunction with other organizations, having a common interest in local history, towards fulfilling the objectives of the Society;
i) to transact such further business as may properly be brought before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

World Wide Web Presence

Irondale Historical Society is online!
www.IrondaleOntario.ca
Check out the pages.
Event Calendar, Photo Album, Your Memories
Opportunities for you to Contribute.

Proud to introduce …

Hello everyone, I am proud to introduce myself to you.

My name is Lisa White. I am a fourth year history student from Trent University. This year I have chosen to do a community based project rather than take a regular class.
This means, that instead of spending my time in the classroom, I have chosen to help the Irondale Historical Society research for the book they would like to put together for all of you.

See Lisa White pg 2

Lisa White cont'd from pg 1

I have signed on to the project to do whatever the society needs, including keeping in touch through newsletters, creating presentations for you about the projects progress, and doing extensive research into Irondale - past and present. From now until April, I will be spending a great deal of my time learning everything about Irondale, the history, the buildings, the people, and the lifestyle. To do this I will be visiting a few different archives, digging into books, and contacting as many of you as possible to conduct interviews. **I would really appreciate your help!** If you have a piece of Irondale that you would like to share, a story about a recent town activity, a memory from the past, pictures, artifacts, or anything else you could think of, I would love to be able to see and hear them all. Please help me help bring together the best of Irondale, and together we can create a piece that can showcase the heart and soul of this town before the past is lost. If you would like to help out, feel free to contact me. by email: lisawhite@trentu.ca telephone: 705-874-2485 (Home) or 705-760-2497 (Cell) If there is no answer, please leave a message. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Hope to hear from you soon! Take care and best wishes ☺ - Lisa

Women's Institute, Irondale The Society was recently given a copy of a newspaper article with picture of the Women's Institute, naming some of the members. The picture's date was reported to be 1906 Does anyone have any further information on the Irondale Women's Institute? There may be more pictures of events they hosted, minutes of meetings, etc. The Society would love to have a look at, or hear about any relevant items.

Membership drive

Membership in this Society shall be open to any person interested in the history of the Irondale area, and such person may be enrolled as a member upon the receipt of application and fee in accordance with the By-Law of the Society. Categories of membership may be established by the Board of Directors, as it may deem necessary, according to the By-Law.

Your support & membership dollar is greatly appreciated.

Irondale Calling by Dr James Allen

There's many a sigh and many a tear
In the Irondale woods today -
The birds are leaving the whispering pines
And southward are winging their way.
From crimson to yellow, and then to brown
The leaves are changing their hue -
For autumn is wearing its loveliest smile,
And calling My Dear, to You!
But You are so far away Dearheart
And its beauty is tinged with pain -
And there's many a tear and many a sigh
As the Northland is calling in vain.
The Moon o'er the hilltop has lost its smile,
And the murmuring waters, too -
All Irondale joins in the sad refrain:
Just calling in vain for You.

One of the many poems that Dr James Allen penned - printed by Grace Hancock Simmons. All proceeds from the sale of these poetry books will go to the Irondale Historical Society. Cost $20.00 plus postage. Email or call for details.

This photo is actually a scanned negative. Does anyone have an actual photograph of this that the society could borrow? The original would be returned quickly and unharmed. Can you identify any of the people for us?